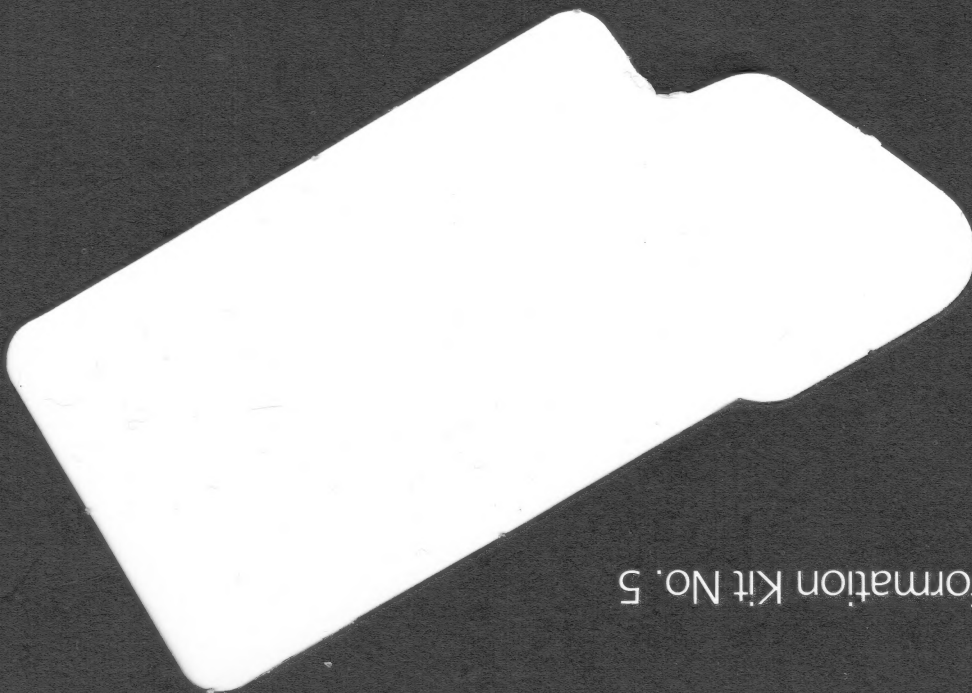


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## A guide to terms used in this price list.

You may not yet be familiar with the terms associated with Telecom's Viatel service. To help you better understand this price list, we've included a simple glossary of terms here.

**CLOSED USER GROUPS.** Frames of information which can only be accessed by certain users nominated by the Service Provider.

**DATA BASE.** The information held on the Viatel computer, set out in frames and pages.

**FACTORING.** A fee charged by Telecom to Service Providers to cover the cost of billing users for charged information.

**FRAME.** One screen full of information on the Viatel system (approx. 960 characters).

**GATEWAY.** A service that allows Service Providers with their own computers to channel their information directly into the Viatel system.

**MESSAGES.** Communications sent by Viatel users to other Viatel users.

**MINOR SERVICE PROVIDER.** A Service Provider with a small number of frames of information, offered in packages of 20 and 50 by Viatel.

**SERVICE PROVIDER.** Anyone who rents space on the Viatel system and offers information to users as a service or for a charge.

**SUB SERVICE PROVIDER.** Anyone who rents space on Viatel from a Service Provider.

**USERS.** Anyone who uses the information or services available on Viatel.

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# Price List



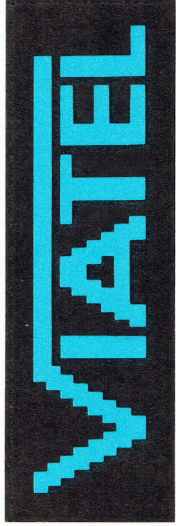
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AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL VIDEOTEX SERVICE

Charges applying as at February, 1985.

	MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION FEE	ADDITIONAL MONTHLY FRAME RENTAL PER FRAME (available only in lots of 50)	CHARGE TO ACCESS VIATEL DATA BASE	CONNECTION TIME CHARGE PER MINUTE OR PART THEREOF	OTHER CHARGES
USERS	Business \$12.50 Non-Business \$2.50		Local Telephone Call Fee	Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. E.S.T. \$0.08 All other times \$0.05	VIATEL MESSAGES Per Frame \$0.05 Telex (send only) per frame \$1.75
SERVICE PROVIDERS	Includes 50 Frames \$225 SUB SERVICE PROVIDERS Standard user charges, plus \$35 CLOSED USER GROUPS (CUG) 1-5 per CUG \$25 Over 5 per CUG \$20	50 to 1000 \$0.40 1000 to 5000 \$0.30 5000 to 10000 \$0.20 Over 10000 Price on Application	Local Telephone Call Fee	EDITING Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. E.S.T. \$0.12 All other times \$0.09	FACTORING FEE 5% of revenue collected from users on SP's behalf Mag Tape Bulk Update per update \$25.00
MINOR SERVICE PROVIDERS	Standard user charges, plus either 20 Frame Package \$60 or 50 Frame Package \$80		Local Telephone Call Fee	EDITING Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. E.S.T. \$0.12 All other times \$0.09	
EXTERNAL COMPUTERS	Includes 50 Frames and 5 Gateway Channels \$300 Additional gateway channels per month \$10.00 SUB EXTERNAL COMPUTERS \$82	50 to 1000 \$0.40 1000 to 5000 \$0.30 5000 to 10000 \$0.20 Over 10000 Price on Application	External Computer to Viatel. Standard Auspac charges or leased circuit-prices on application	EDITING Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. E.S.T. \$0.12 All other times \$0.09	FACTORING FEE 5% of revenue collected from users on SP's behalf Mag Tape Bulk Update per update \$25.00

USERS' SUBSCRIPTION. As a special offer, Business and Non-Business users need pay only \$12.50 subscription for the first full year of Viatel's operation (ending February 28, 1986). Since the amount is the same no matter what part of the first year you become a Viatel user, the sooner you join the more you save.

SERVICE PROVIDERS. \$10.00 rebate for every user signed up on Viatel until the Service Provider subscription is reduced to zero. This will apply to Service Providers, Minor Service Providers and External Computer Operators.

First year discounts.



**\*23455 #.** Minerals and energy information imports, exports, prices, trends, news.

**WATCH \*600 #.** Shares, futures, commodities, rates, currency information, company data and telebroking services.

**LA AUSTRALIA BANK \*880 #.** Banking services, market, interest and investment rates.

**LA TRADING POST \*774 #.** Buying and selling for users.

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**\*42456 #.** Microcomputing.

**ULTING SERVICES \*550 #.** Consulting services professional appointments, seminars, etc.

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**\*2600 #.** Racing information, calendar, as and results.

**TAFE WA \*888 #.** Courses and facilities available of WA TAFE.

**TANGO \*424 #.** Microcomputing, bulletin board and travel.

**TASBUREAU \*700 #.** Information about holidays and tours in Tasmania with online booking facilities.

**TASTEL \*765 #.** Computer club information, games.

**TELE-TIPS \*457 #.** Racing form guide and results.

**TENDERTEX \*7680 #.** Library of tenders available throughout Australia. Includes tender submission service.

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND \*50001 #.** Information service on university facilities and courses.

**VIABET \*606 #.** Racing service, betting information and results. Full telebetting service.

**VICTORIAN EMPLOYERS FEDERATION \*505 #.** Industrial and commercial information, employment conditions, statistics and occupational health and safety.

**VIDEOTEX PRODUCTIONS \*234 #.** Microcomputing, financial service, electronic publishing.

**VIDEOTRAN \*250 #.** Electronic shopping service for Western Australian wines.

**VIEWTEL \*771 #.** Information and services related to the video industry.

**VISIONHIRE \*450 #.** Information on Visionhire products and services.

**VTX \*404 #.** Specialist newsletter on videotex products and services.

**WESLEY CENTRAL MISSION \*38220 #.** Welfare and religious services and information.

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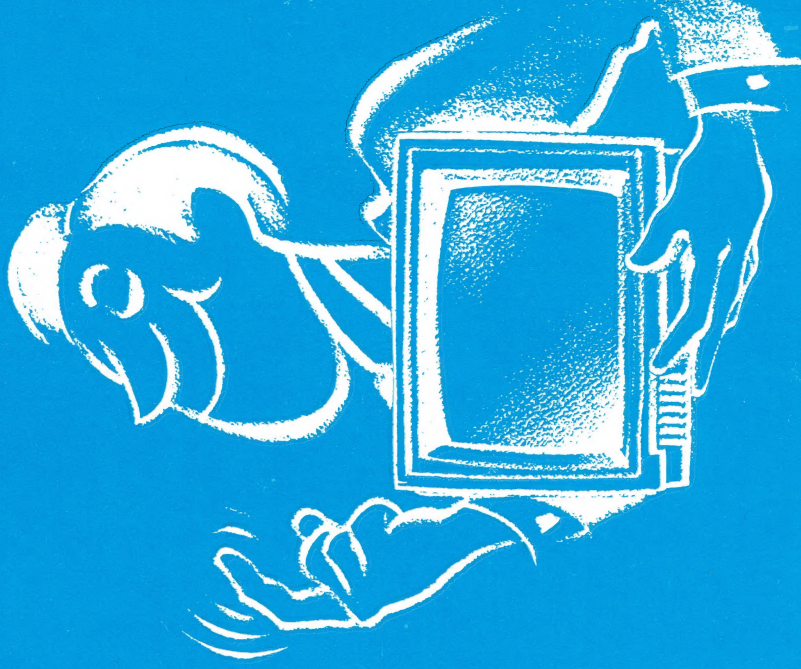


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Teleshopping services for videotext products, accommodation, cruises.

**\*10#.** Car reviews, road tests and ratings.

Information on CIG equipment, services, etc. On-line enquiry service.

**ANK \*555#.** Home banking facilities, travel services.

**ITERS \*42432#.** Microcomputing, engineering advice, school projects, available video cassettes and

Buying guides, education, travel information.

Res, forex, interest information, tertiary and reports..

**\*454#.** Information service on and courses.

**ONICS \*34572#.** Teleshopping and microcomputing.

Abrella Education Service.

**LOGY CENTRE \*507#.**

Food marketing service, restaurant

Hotel accommodation, bookings and

**PARTMENT \*678#.** Consular and

Company products and services, product information and games.

Telebroking and financial

**INNS \*366#.** Motel

Bookings and ratings.

Travel information, tours, holidays

**CS \*34590#.** Investment advice and

(on basis).

**11#.** Telebroking and portfolio

Australian and international market

**\*225#.** Microcomputing.

Telesoftware, microcomputing post, and bulletin boards.

**\*88172#.** Financial information, currency options, market

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**NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK \*880#.** Banking services, money market, interest and investment rates.

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**TAA \*534#.** Schedules, fares, holidays and telebooking facility.

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  - International flight rates
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  - Travel insurance
  - Passport information
  - Conference information
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  - Results
  - Racing
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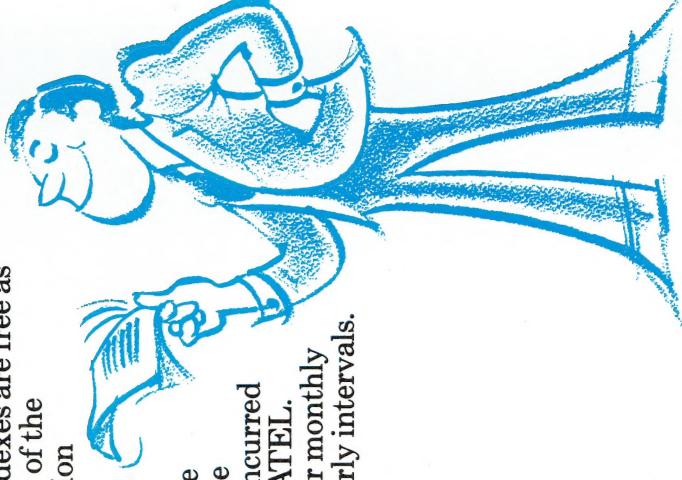
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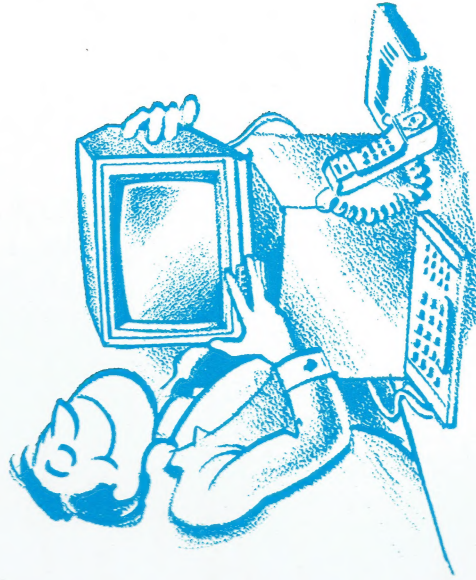
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- Information for the medical profession • Videotex information • Communications • Teaching aids • Marketing advice • Computing information • Architect services • Information technology.

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- Passport information • Health regulations • Conference information.

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